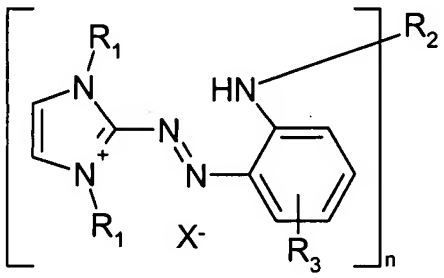
IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims to read as follows.

1. (previously presented): Cationic dye of formula (1)



(1)

wherein

R_1 is an unsubstituted or substituted C_1-C_{14}alkyl or an aryl radical;

X^- is an anion;

R_3 is an unsubstituted or substituted C_1-C_{14}alkyl, aryl radical, C_1-C_6alkoxy, cyanide, nitro or halide;

n is 1 or 2; and

if n is 1, then R_2 is hydrogen, unsubstituted or substituted C_1-C_{14}alkyl; or

if n is 2, then R_2 is an unsubstituted or substituted C_1-C_{14}alkylene.

2. (original): Cationic dye according to claim 1, wherein

R_1 is methyl.

3. (previously presented): Cationic dye according to claim 1, wherein

R_1 is methyl,

n is 2, and

R_2 is a substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_8alkylene.

4. (previously presented): Cationic dye according to claim 1, wherein

R_1 is methyl,

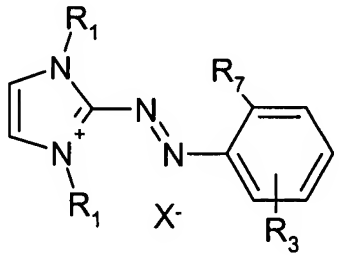
n is 1, and

R_2 is a substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_{12}alkyl.

5-6. (cancelled).

7. (previously presented): A process for the preparation of cationic dyes of formula (1) as defined in claim 1, comprising

bringing a compound of formula (18)



(18)

wherein

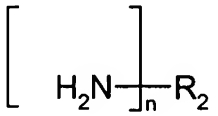
R_7 is C_1-C_6alkoxy or halide,

R_1 is an unsubstituted or substituted C_1-C_{14}alkyl or an aryl radical;

X^- is an anion;

R_3 is an unsubstituted or substituted C_1-C_{14}alkyl, aryl radical, C_1-C_6alkoxy, cyanide, nitro or halide;

into contact with an amine of formula (19)



(19)

wherein

n is 1 or 2; and

if n is 1, then R_2 is hydrogen, unsubstituted or substituted C_1-C_{14}alkyl; or

if n is 2, then R_2 is an unsubstituted or substituted C_1-C_{14}alkylene.

8-10. (cancelled).

11. (previously presented): A composition comprising at least a single dye of formula (1) as defined in claim 1 and an adjuvant.

12. (original): A composition according to claim 11 comprising in addition at least a single further direct dye and/or an oxidative agent.

13. (original): A composition according to claim 11 comprising in addition at least a single oxidative dye and/or; at least a single oxidative dye and an oxidative agent.

14. (previously presented): A composition according to claim 11, in the form of a shampoo, conditioner, gel or emulsion.

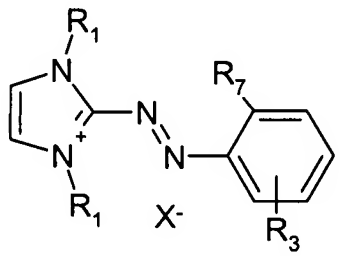
15. (previously presented): A method of dyeing organic material, that comprises bringing into contact with the organic material at least a single dye of formula (1) according to claim 1 and, optionally, a further dye.

16. (previously presented): A method according to claim 15, which comprises dyeing or tinting human hair.

17. (currently amended): A method for dyeing human hair or strands, that comprises contacting the hair or strands with at least a single dye of formula (1) as defined in claim 1, and an oxidative agent and, optionally, a further direct dye.

18. (previously presented): A method for dyeing human hair, that comprises contacting the hair with at least a single cationic dye of formula (1) as defined in claim 1, and at least a single oxidative dye; or contacting the hair with a cationic dye of formula (1) as defined in claim 1, and at least a single oxidative dye and an oxidative agent.

19. (currently amended): A method for dyeing human hair, that comprises contacting the hair with a compound of formula (18) or formula (21)~~as defined in claim 6~~, and at least a single oxidative dye; or contacting the hair with a compound of formula (18) or formula (21)~~as defined in claim 6~~, and at least a single oxidative dye and an oxidative agent.



(18)

wherein

R_7 is C_1-C_6alkoxy or halide, and

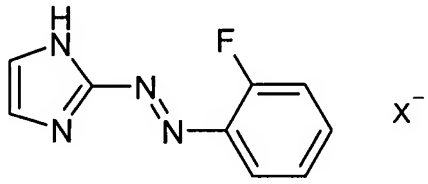
X^- is an anion,

R_3 is an unsubstituted or substituted C_1-C_{14}alkyl, aryl radical, C_1-C_6alkoxy, cyanid cyanide, nitro or halide, and

R_1 is an unsubstituted or substituted C_1-C_{14}alkyl or an aryl radical;

or

the compound of formula (21)



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